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Eurovision Song Contest 2016 handbook by ESC+Plus. All you need to know about the 42 participants to compete in Stockholm



10, 12 & 14 of May 2016

After the thrilling finish in Vienna, Austria, with Måns Zelmerlöw taking the crown with his song, "Heroes", the 61st edition of the Eurovision Song Contest will be hosted this year in Stockholm, Sweden. The contest, which has been held annually since 1956 will be making the stop in Sweden for the sixth time. Member nations of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) are given the chance to send a participant from their country to the musical contest, which has become more and more popular throughout the world. After the performances, a winning song will be lauded as the best song according to viewers and will join an elite group of winners that includes Loreen of Sweden, the bearded lady of Austria, Conchita Wurst, two-time winner and Mr. Eurovision himself, Johnny Logan, worldwide success ABBA, and even Celine Dion.

Swedish public broadcaster, SVT, will be the local organization in charge of the contest with major telecommunications company Tele2 as a lead sponsor. The three main shows will take place at the Ericsson Globe Arena and be broadcast to nearly 200 million people across the world. Three shows, occurring on the 10th, 12th, and 14th of May will make up this year's contest — Two Semi Finals, where 36 competing countries will be narrowed down to 20, moving on to the Grand Final where they will be joined by the host country and the Big 5.



- First Semi Final: May 10 (21:00 CET)
- Second Semi Final: May 12 (21:00 CET)
- Grand Final: May 14 (21:00 CET)

The Globe Arena has a 10,500 occupancy rate with its Eurovision configuration and has played venue to many popular events, include the Eurovision Song Contest once before, in 2000.

Due to their popularity, 2015's winner Zelmerlöw, will be co-hosting the show with Petra Mede, a popular Swedish host and presenter who also hosted the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest in Sweden, co-hosted Eurovision's Greatest Hits concert in London last year, and this year's Swedish National Final, Melodifestivalen. The writing duties for the event will fall to Edward Af Sillen, who wrote for the 2010 Eurovision Song Contest and several years of Melodifestivalen.





The slogan for the 61st edition of the contest is 'Come Together', promoting the ideals of unity and extolling the virtues of musical being communicative across borders and languages. Indeed the countries will come together in the logo this year, a dandelion bloom in which each seed represents the participant countries. As the contest ends, the dandelion seeds will scatter in the winds back to their homes to plant and share the love and fellowship they experienced in Sweden.

The impressive set design for the contest also comes from a veteran team of designers. Frida Arvidsson and Viktor Brattström return after creating the staging from the contest's last visit to Sweden in Malmö 2013. No less than 26 cameras will film the artistic displays of songs and visuals to the backdrop of a 15,5 x 50 x 32-metre super-stage with a record-breaking nearly 2.000 square metre of LED-screens on the walls combined with just 250 square metre on the stage floor. Nearly two thousand lighting units along with almost a hundred different environmental effect units, including pyrotechnics, fog, and CO2, and the worlds largest video projector can be utilized by each country to make an impressive visual presentation alongside their songs.

One major change for this year occurs in the voting system. Under the guidance of Christer Björkman, Sweden's contest producer, the jury and public vote 50/50 split will remain, but will be presented drastically different. For the first time in history, the points given by each group will be announced separately, as opposed to being combined and aggregated into the traditional douze pointe allotment. Meaning that each country will get a set of points from the juries which will take the form of the 1-8, 10 and 12 points, which will be announced via remote call-ins from each country as usual, then the hosts will present the public votes for each country. The tallied public votes will start with the lowest scoring country and work their way to the most voted — causing a heightened sense of drama and tension as the winner will only be known at the very end nearly all situations. With the new system, a record point-scoring win will be all but assured, with the dreaded nul point finish being statistically unlikely.



In a number of earlier contests, runaway wins will usually obviously spotted before the voting had finished, which was the main cause for the changes to the voting system this year.



What started out with a record-matching number of participants with 43, saw Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, and Ukraine return, while Portugal chose not to participate. Australia returned after the special 60th invitation, but will now compete through the Semi Finals opposed to starting in the Final with the host country and the Big 5. In dramatic fashion, the Romanian entrant was disqualified just three weeks prior to the contest. Ovidiu Anton was set to perform with "Moment of Silence", and had taken part in many pre-parties and press events, but the European Broadcasting Union(EBU) chose to expel the Romanian broadcaster, Televiziunea Romana (TVR), on grounds of non-payment of a debt in the excess of 16 million Swiss francs. The now 42 contestants matches the high of a number of years, the latest of which being the 2012 Azerbaijani edition.

	Albania		Iceland
	Armenia		Ireland
	Australia		Israel
	Austria		Italy
	Azerbaijan		Latvia
	Belarus		Lithuania
	Belgium		Malta
	Bosnia & Herzegovina		Moldova
	Bulgaria		Montenegro
	Croatia		Norway
	Cyprus		Poland
	Czech Republic		Russia
	Denmark		San Marino
	Estonia		Serbia
	FYR Macedonia		Slovenia
	Finland		Spain
	France		Sweden
	Georgia		Switzerland
	Germany		The Netherlands
	Greece		Ukraine
	Hungary		United Kingdom





Albania – RTSH
www.rtsh.al



My Mark:

Performer(s): Eneda Tarifa
Song: Fairytale
Composer(s): Olsa Toqi
Writer(s): Olsa Toqi
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: External (Festivali i Këngës 2016)
Twitter: @enedaofficial

Biography:

Eneda Tarifa was born in Tirana on 30 March, 1982. Since she was six years old she has been demonstrating her talent for music by taking part in different activities at school. Later she studied philosophy and sociology.

In the course of her career as an artist, she has taken part in various concerts and charity events since 2004. One of her greatest successes came already in 2010 when she won the first prize in the popular Top Fest competition with the song Me veten, which became a hit in Albania and Kosovo. In 2011 Eneda started working as an actress and TV host of Portokalli, one of the most well-known evening shows in Albania.

Eneda has written the lyrics to several songs for children and she has been a member of several juries for young talents. She has also demonstrated her skills as a director, together with one of Albania's most acclaimed stars Arjan Culiqi. Together they created the comical soap opera Piruet which was a huge success.

In December 2015 Eneda Tarifa won Festivali i Këngës with Përrallë, written by Olsa Toqi. The song will be presented in its English version, Fairytale, in the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest in Stockholm.

Lyrics:

This tale of love larger than dreams,
it may take a lifetime to understand what it means.
Many the tears cos all the craziness and rage,
tale of love the message is love can bring change.

Cos it's you... only you,
You I feel,
And I... oh I
I know in my soul this it's real.

CHORUS:
And that's why I love you... oh I
Yes I love you u... u...

And I'd fight for you, give my life for you, my heart.

But comes a day when it's not enough
and what you have the time is up
but it's hard to turn a new page
In the tale, sweet tale of love
you will find the peace of heart that you crave.

CHORUS (x2)

And I'd fight for you, give my life for you, my heart.



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Armenia – ARMTV
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My Mark:

Performer(s):	Iveta Mukuchyan
Song:	LoveWave
Composer(s):	Lilith Navasardyan & Levon Navasardyan
Writer(s):	Iveta Mukuchyan & Stephanie Crutchfield
Debut Show:	First Semi-Final
Selection Method:	Internal
Twitter:	@IvetaMukuchyan

Biography:

Iveta Mukuchyan is a singer, songwriter, actress and fashion model. She was born in Armenia on 14 November, 1986. When she was five years old, her family moved to Germany where she was educated, she specialised as a linguist. 20 years later Iveta returned to Armenia for her musical education. She studied jazz-vocal at the Yerevan State Conservatory. It was there that she realised that music is her greatest passion.

Iveta took part in the Armenian version of Idol in 2010, where she gained huge popularity and thousands of fans. Later that year, during the Armenia award ceremony held in Moscow, Iveta was awarded the Discovery of the Year prize. In 2012 Iveta took part in Germany's version of the talent show The Voice, where she performed Loreen's Euphoria, the song that won the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest. Four years later, she will be following Loreen's footsteps, entering the stage in Stockholm and representing Armenia with LoveWave.

Lyrics:

Hey it's me. Look, I know it might sound
strange but suddenly I'm not the same I used
to be.
It's like I've stepped out of space and time and
come alive... I guess this is what it's all about
cause...

When it touched me the world went silent,
calm before the storm reaches me.
The ground in motion set off all sirens, you
took over my heartbeat... beat... beat... beat...
It's taking over me.

You... shook my life like an earthquake now I'm
waking up
You... gave me faith now I can break every
single wall,
You... prove we can do it all when all is out of
love,
You... (oh like a lovewave) spread a lovewave
'n my heart goes ba-ba-da-bu-who-oh-oh.

Caught in a downward spiral, I lost my soul in
my dreams.
I would give up and lose all trials, when one
moment changed everything.
Without even a single warning, I'm not who I
was before.
A chain reaction with no returning, now watch
me craving for more.

It's taking over me.

It's taking, it's taking over me.

You... (oh like a lovewave) shook my life like
an earthquake now I'm waking up,
You... (oh like a lovewave) gave me faith now I
can break every single wall,
You... (oh like a lovewave) prove we can do it
all when all is out of love,
You... (oh like a lovewave) spread a lovewave
'n my heart goes ba-ba-da-bu-who-oh-oh.



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Australia – SBS
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My Mark:

Performer(s): Dami Im
Song: Sound of silence
Composer(s): David Musumeci & Anthony Egizii
Writer(s): David Musumeci & Anthony Egizii
Selection Method: Second Semi-Final
Selection: Internal
Twitter: @damiandmusic

Biography:

Like all great stories, Dami Im's life sounds a lot like a fairy tale. There's a certain amount of struggle, a determination to succeed and then the joys that success itself eventually brings. Dami was born in South Korea, she moved to Brisbane, Australia with her family when she was 9.

A classically trained pianist, she learnt how to speak English through listening to pop songs. Dami arrived in the spotlight seemingly out of nowhere in 2013, taking out the X Factor crown. Her astonishing voice and transformation into a fully-fledged pop performer won the hearts of the Australian public. More success followed as Dami earned a number one album with Dami Im and followed it with the hugely successful Top 10 release, Heart Beats and hits such as Alive, Super Love and Gladiator.

Dami, like all great singers knows how to inhabit a song and make it her own. Her choice of stage-wear may draw an audience in, but the real exchange comes when an audience hears her remarkable voice.

Lyrics:

Growing tired and weary brown eyes
Trying to feel your love through face time
Symphonies of dreams and highlights
Caught up in this crazy fast life
But baby you're not here with me

BRIDGE:
And I keep calling calling
Keep calling cause

CHORUS:
Now my heart awakes to the sound of silence
And it beats to the sound of silence (x2)
Now my heart awakes to the sound of silence
And it beats to the sound of silence (x2)
Getting hard to break through the madness
You're not here it never makes sense

Tidal waves of tears are crashing
No one here to save me drowning
Cause baby you're not here with me

BRIDGE

CHORUS

I know I'm stronger and I'm capable
I know it's all in my head
But I keep calling, calling, calling, calling...

CHORUS



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Austria – ORF
www.orf.at



My Mark:

Performer(s): ZOË
Song: Loin d'ici
Composer(s): Christof Straub & Zoe Straub
Writer: Christof Straub & Zoe Straub
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: External (Wer singt für Österreich?)
Twitter: @zoemusic

Biography:

Zoe Straub's talent for music and love of chanson run in her family: the 19-year old Viennese artist is the daughter of Papermoon's founder Christof Straub. Zoe has been active as a singer and songwriter since 2013, her songs being the product of musical cooperation with her father. Alongside music, Zoe is also a TV personality and actress.

Zoe is a European with her heart and soul. The blend of European cultures, languages and regional musical traditions is meant to obliterate borderlines and stimulate the European idea. Her earliest memory of the Song Contest: "I guess I was some five years old and my parents were watching the Song Contest in their bedroom. I should have been fast asleep, but I eavesdropped at the door."

Lyrics:

Et quand tu chantes, oui moi je chante aussi
Quand tu t'élances, je suis
Et quand tu voles, oui moi je vole aussi
Si tu t'élances, j'te suis

CHORUS (x2):
Dans un pays loin d'ici
À la recherche du paradis
Dans un pays loin d'ici
On chante, on chante

Et quand la route nous semble sans issue
Sans aucun doute, j'te suis
Sans aucun doute, même si on s'ra perdu
Sans aucun doute, j'te suis

CHORUS (x2)

On chante et on danse et on rit, on s'élance,
réuni, enivré, dans l'imprudence

CHORUS (x2)

Dans un pays (à la recherche) du paradis
(dans un pays)
Dans un pays on chante, on chante
On chante, on chante, on danse, on danse
Dans un pays
On chante, on chante, on danse, on danse
Loin d'ici



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Azerbaijan – Ictimai TV
www.itv.az



My Mark:

Performer(s): Samra
Song: Miracle
Composer(s): Amir Aly, Jakke Erixson & Henrik Wikström
Writer: Amir Aly, Jakke Erixson & Henrik Wikström
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @SamraEurovision

Biography:

Samra Rahimli is an up-and-coming Azerbaijani singer. Her foray into the music industry began at 16 when she took part in the national selection for the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest. After impressing audiences as the youngest contestant, Samra enrolled at Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts. Samra returned to the spotlight in 2015, when she reached the quarter finals in The Voice of Turkey. When The Voice came to Azerbaijan in 2015, her performance of Miley Cyrus' 'Wrecking Ball' during a blind audition amazed the audience and she reached the competition's final. Samra's singing influences include Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross and Beyoncé. She dreams to land a lead role in her favourite musical Dreamgirls. Now Samra is concentrating all her efforts on the Eurovision Song Contest. Her entry is called Miracle and despite the fairytale-like title is a dramatic break-up story. "I've been through the similar experience once," explains Samra, "It's never easy to let someone go but you have to stay strong and keep moving."

Lyrics:

You got in my head, boy, like a song
That I kept on singing, all along
But the radio stopped to play us long ago, long ago

Guess I've had enough, boy, guess I'm done
Like a burning fire, now it's gone
Thought I saw myself in you, I made a mistake,
there's nothing to say
I'm walking away

CHORUS:

Gonna take a miracle, oh oh
Gonna take a miracle to heal this love
Baby I won't stay another night
This time I say goodbye, I'm letting you go

Gonna take a miracle, oh oh
It was a one way road for you and I
Yeah, we built this castle based on lies
And now we have hit the point of no return
We crash and we burn, you live and you learn

CHORUS

Gonna take a miracle, oh oh
Gonna take a miracle to save us now
And I won't pretend to be alright
my heart is on the line, our end is my start

(Mira, mira, miracle
Mira, mira, mira
Mira, mira, miracle
Mira, mira, miracle
Mira, mira, mira
Mira, mira, Miracle)

Gonna take a miracle, oh oh
Gonna take a miracle to save us now

Gonna take a...
(Mira, mira, miracle
Mira, mira, mira
Mira, mira, Miracle)
To save us no



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Belarus – BTRC
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My Mark:

Performer(s):	IVAN (Alexander Ivanov)
Song:	Help you fly
Composer(s):	Victor Drobysh
Writer:	Alexander Ivanov, Timofei Leontiev & Mary Susane Applegate
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Eurofest 2016)

Biography:

Alexander Ivanov was born on 29th October 1994 in Gomel, Belarus. The young and talented singer started his musical career in 2009 when he participated at the rock festival Mass Medium Fest. In the same year Alexander founded his band Ivanov and moved to St Petersburg to promote his music.

He won the young artists contest 5 Stars in 2014. IVAN became a super finalist of the TV Project Main Stage in 2015, where he won the award Producers' Choice. Besides preparing for his participation in this year's Eurovision Song Contest, IVAN is working on his album.

As the representative of Belarus in the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest, IVAN cooperates with Victor Drobysh Producer Centre. On stage in Stockholm he will perform Help You Fly.

Lyrics:

I will help you learn how to fly, how to fly

Do you remember when you were younger
You didn't worry for a day
Now all the questions and no direction
They make your reasons insane

BRIDGE:
It's time you released yourself
Before you can let go

CHORUS:
I will help you learn how to fly, how to fly
Free, leave all the madness behind, far behind

You feel like you ate the poison
It's time to heal you from the pain
I know that you've been the hunted
I want to free you again

BRIDGE

CHORUS

If I can fly then you can
If I can fly then you can fly
If I can fly then you can fly
If I can fly (If I can fly)
If I can fly

CHORUS

All behind



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Belgium – VRT
www.vrt.be



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Laura Tesoro
Song:	What's the pressure
Composer(s):	Sanne Putseys, Birsen Uçar
Writer(s):	Sanne Putseys, Louis Favre, Yannick Werther
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Eurosong 2016)
Twitter:	@Lauwraaaaah_

Biography:

19-year-old Laura Tesoro from Antwerp is a multi-talented performer: she sings, dances, acts and presents. This Belgian with Italian roots inherited the showbiz gene from her parents, who were both musical artists. She got her first television role when she was 8 and by the time she was 11 she was starring in the musical Annie.

Energetic Laura participated successfully in song contests such as Ketnetpop, The Voice and most recently Eurosong, the Belgian national selection for the Eurovision Song Contest. She performs with her own live band and has already released several of her own songs. She loves up-tempo pop, with a dash of funk and soul. Laura's Eurovision number What's The Pressure is exactly the sort of song she loves to listen to and sing.

Lyrics:

Don't ask me why the sun is shining
Long after the day is done
The evening falls, the bright lights
Bring out the best in me

BRIDGE:
I see massive walls weighing down the people
all around
They don't seem to mind at all
And I will try to stand my ground
Won't be bound
Brings out the best in me

CHORUS:
What's the pressure?
You will grow, you will know in the end
This is fiction
It's in your mind, live your life instead

Don't ask me why the sun is shining
Brings me all the joy and hope in live
Even though these rules they'

Try'na take over me
Try'na take over me

BRIDGE

CHORUS

What's the pressure?
This is fiction
It's in your mind, live your life the best
You gotta do what you wanna do
You gotta be who you wanna be
So tell me what's the pressure

What's the pressure?
This is fiction
It's in your mind, live your life instead

What's the pressure?
You will grow and you will know in the end
This is fiction
It's in your mind, live your life the best



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Bosnia & Herzegovina – BHRT
www.bhrt.ba

My Mark:



Performer(s): Dalal & Deen feat. Ana Rucner and Jala
Song: Ljubav je
Composer(s): Almir Ajanovic
Writer(s): Almir Ajanovic & Jasmin Fazlić
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @DalalMidhat

Biography:

Dalal started a group called Erato in 1999, and was the main author of two albums, Backstage and Make Up. She continued as a solo artist, and is known for her performances at the Monument jazz club in Sarajevo. In 2015 she performed Amazing Grace at a concert organised during the visit of Pope Francis.

Deen, born in 1982 in Sarajevo, is a regional pop sensation. In 2004, he represented Bosnia & Herzegovina at the 2004 Eurovision Song Contest with the song In The Disco. Deen has released three albums so far: Ja Sam Vjetar Zaljubljeni, In The Disco and Anđeo a greškom.

Ana Rucner is a cello instrumentalist, born in Zagreb, Croatia. She is one of Croatia's most successful performers and her shows have been well received all over the world. Her albums include For Little Angels: Classical Lullabies, eXpression rock classic, and World Classics & Croatian Beauties.

Jasmin Fazlic-Jala was born in 1986 in Sarajevo. He has released three solo albums as a hip-hop artist: Replay, Rijec na rijec and Pakt sa djavolom.

Lyrics:

Trebaće mi tvoje tijelo, kad oči zatvorim
Oko mene sve je bijelo, čak i sivi zidovi
Nemam kome da se vratim, samo tebi vjerujem
Dugove ću sve da platim, na ljubav se zaklinjem

CHORUS:

Ljubav je začarani krug, svako dođe na svoj red,
svako plati svoj dug
Ljubav je, sve što imamo, svako bira svoj grijeh,
jedno drugom praštamo
Praštamo...

Tako trebam tvoje tijelo, kad oči zatvorim
Srce se u tebe klelo, kako da ti oprostim
Nemam kome da se vratim, samo tebi vjerujem
Dugove ću sve da platim, na ljubav se zaklinjem

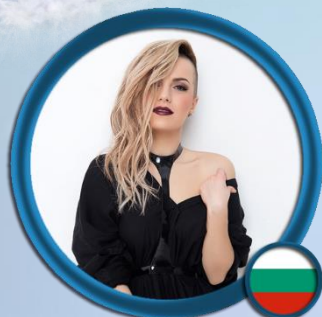
'mjesto kapetan da budem, bir'o sam da
budem pirat
'mjesto sretan da budem, bir'o sam tugu u inat
Moja priča je rulet, ulažem, ne znam kasirat,
njenim očima uklet, više se ne znam nasmijati
Zna me mamiti' oblinama nakon čaše, dv'je
vina, ona nije ta što će mi sutra roditi sina
Opet nijedna ne zna me tako magično dirat',
opet tragično biram jer đavo ne da mi mira

CHORUS





Bulgaria – BNT
www.bnt.bg



My Mark:

Performer(s): Poli Genova
Song: If love was a crime
Composer(s): Borislav Milanov, Sebastian Arman & Joachim Bo Persson
Writer(s): Borislav Milanov, Sebastian Arman, Joachim Bo Persson & Poli Genova
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @poligenova

Biography:

Poli Genova started singing at the age of four at the popular Bulgarian children's music group Bon-Bon and later helped establish their label. She studied clarinet at a musical school in Sofia and then film directing at the Bulgarian National Academy for Theatrical and Film Arts.

X Factor, Dancing with the Stars, BG TOP 40, The Magnificent Six, I Can Do That, Your face sounds familiar - the list of popular TV formats she in which she has participated in Bulgaria goes on and on. Most notably, she won the first place in the reality musical format Musical Academy.

Together with Bon-Bon, Poli Genova is active in numerous charity campaigns in Bulgaria including for UNICEF and SOS Children's Villages, Awareness for Autism campaign and Bulgarian Christmas campaign, supported by the Bulgarian President, and AVON campaign against the breast cancer.

Poli currently takes part in three musicals and she is also the Bulgarian voice of Judy Hoops in the new Disney film Zootropolis.

Lyrics:

You and I we collide like the stars on the
summer night, we can shine for ever
And you and I we're alive, what we feel is what
is right, we can run like never

BRIDGE:
If love was a crime then we would be criminals
Locked up for life but I'll do the time
If love was a crime then we would work
miracles
High above the ground
They will never break us down

CHORUS:
О, дай ми любовта (x3) They will never break us
down
О, дай ми любовта (x3) They will never break us
down

Never mind, wrong or right, our love ain't got
no pride, so we change for better
Unafraid, never fade, when it's dark we
illuminate, can we rise together

BRIDGE AND CHORUS

Together we're untouchable, you and me
against the world, together we're invincible
They will never break us down

CHORUS

Together we're untouchable, you and me
against the world, together we're invincible
They will never break us down



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Croatia – HRT
www.hrt.hr



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Nina Kraljić
Song:	Lighthouse
Composer(s):	Andreas Grass & Nikola Paryla
Writer(s):	Andreas Grass & Nikola Paryla
Debut Show:	First Semi-Final
Selection Method:	Internal
Twitter:	@NinaKraljic

Biography:

Nina Kraljić is a 24-year-old student from Lipovljani, Croatia. She has been singing since the early days of her childhood and has developed her singing skills through various music projects and the synchronisation of animated movies.

Her performances in the first season of The Voice - Najljepši glas Hrvatske (2015), left the audience speechless. Her extraordinary voice and unique interpretation of songs in various genres led to her victory in the show. Two months after winning, she presented her debut single Zaljubljeni smo svijet. The official audio and video of the single have been viewed more than 600.000 times on Vevo. In the beginning of 2016, she was nominated for three Croatian Music Awards; Porin 2016 (Best New Act, Best Song Arrangement, Best Female Vocals Performance). Nina was also recognised as Best Newcomer by Croatian national public broadcaster's radio HR2.

Lyrics:

Lightning strikes on the sea
Breaking waves around me
Stormy tides and I feel
My ship capsizing
Out of sight, saving shore
Ever gone, evermore
Ropes untied, rain that pours
The waters rising

In devastating times
I keep this hope of mine
Even in the darkest night

CHORUS:
Cause there is a light
Guiding my way
Keeping me safe when oceans rage
There in the sky
Hiding away
Never to die and fade
I know that I'll find your
Your Lighthouse, your lighthouse

I know that I'll find your

Harbours near, No more fear
Wall of clouds disappears
So I steer to the pier
In tears arriving

No devastating times
I kept this hope of mine
Even in the darkest night

CHORUS

I know that I'll find your
There is a light
Keeping me safe when oceans rage
There in the sky
Hiding away
Never to die and fade
I know that I'll find your

Your lighthouse (x5)



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Cyprus – CyBC
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Performer(s): Minus One
Song: Alter ego
Composer(s): Thomas G:son & Minus One
Writer(s): Thomas G:son & Minus One
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @MinusCy

My Mark:

Biography:

Minus One is a Greek Cypriot band that plays everything, from pop and rock classics, to today's newer hits. The band does not just play covers, but rearranges and refreshes the songs bringing them closer to the bands own sound.

Although starting as a cover band, as a side project they released original songs but with a different name. They will represent Cyprus in the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest so they started working on their own material this time not as a side project but as Minus One.

Their Eurovision song Alter Ego is the product of collaboration between the band and Thomas G:son who also handled the production. The band previously tried to represent Cyprus in 2015 where they placed third (first by the judges) in the Cypriot national selection with the song Shine.

Lyrics:

Waking up alone, like a man that failed...
Trapped into the mist of our fairytale
And you know, you know, you know, I'm still
inside
I knew it all along, but I couldn't tell... This kind
of love, would lock my heart in jail
You know, you know, you know, it's doing time

CHORUS:

Caught in the middle of, the dawn and the
sunrise
Life is a miracle, I saw it in your eyes
Under the spotlight, I howl in the moonlight...
Howling for you

BRIDGE:

Take it on... take it on... and get me through the
night
Take it on... take it on... until the morning light
Take it on... take it on... and get me through the
night
Take it on... take it on... take it on

I've heard it all before, people always say...
Time can take the sorrow and the pain away
And you know, you know, this love will never
die

CHORUS (x2)

BRIDGE

I cross the oceans, I fly on the skyline... Drive
any road that, will bring me by your side

BRIDGE

Caught in the middle of, the dawn and the
sunrise, life is a miracle, I saw it in your eyes



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Czech Republic – Ceska Televize
www.Ceskatelevize.cz

My Mark:



Performer(s): Gabriela Guncíková
Song: I stand
Composer(s): Christian Schneider & Sara Biglert
Writer(s): Aidan O'Connor & Sara Biglert
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @GabinaGuncikova

Biography:

Gabriela Guncíková was born on 27 June 1993 in Kroměříž, Czech Republic. She was a finalist in the second season of SuperStar and won the "New Artist" award at the 2011 Český Slavík awards.

She made two albums and played over a hundred concerts around the Czech Republic and Slovakia. In 2013 she has decided to improve her singing so she contacted one of the most famous coaches in the world, Ken Tamplin, and went to study singing in California. Gabriela has become the face of Ken Tamplin Vocal Academy, as one of the best students with a voice at the global level.

The result of their cooperation has been found by Paul O'Neill from the American band Trans-Siberian Orchestra - and that is how Gabriela has become one of the singers of this band. She performed with them on two tours and about 120 shows around the USA. Now she decided to go in the direction of her solo career.

Lyrics:

I've worn the path
I've hit the wall
I'm the one who rose and fall
I've played my heart
When I played the part
But it got me through the rain
I've felt the strain
I've made mistakes
With the monsters in my head
But in the end
You're standing there
You're the one who always cares

CHORUS:
Cause I stand
I stand
I am standing here
Just because of you
Every part of me is a part of you
I stand

I'm standing tall
I can hold it all
Now I see where I belong
The choice I made
Helped me understand
Now this life is mine to play
I am thanking you, you made me
You are my air
I'll always care!

CHORUS

You never lose hold of me
You always trust and you see

I stand (x3)
I am standing here
Just because of you
Every part of me is a part of you
I stand (x2)



COME
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Denmark – DR
www.dr.dk



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Lighthouse X
Song:	Soldiers of love
Composer(s):	Søren Bregendel, Johannes Nymark, Martin Skriver, Sebastian Owens, Daniel Durn, Katrine Klith Andersen
Writer(s):	Søren Bregendel, Johannes Nymark, Martin Skriver, Sebastian Owens, Daniel Durn, Katrine Klith Andersen
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Dansk Melodi Grand Prix 2016)

Biography:

Lighthouse X consists of three artists who have come together in a strong fellowship. They believe it is possible to create a band that thinks differently. A band that takes social responsibility through music in a new and innovative way.

Lighthouse X represents a whole-hearted attempt at making a positive difference in the world, at inspiring attentive conversations in which we truly listen to one another and in establishing dialogue that makes us open up for all the things that excite us and scare us.

The goal is to harvest the power of music to make us all talk through our hearts, to make sure we share our thoughts and to create space and respect for each other. As the name suggests, Søren, Johannes and Martin wish to be a lighthouse that others can use for navigation – by being the change that they themselves wish to see in the world, while also inspiring and supporting other people who serve as guiding lights.

Lyrics:

Tell me why we always fuel the fire, Why we
tend to close our eyes
What's the reason that we keep on hiding, We
can make it if we try
I don't know why we don't care
There's nothing to fear when I know you are
there
So let's not wait for someone else to
Make it right, make it right

CHORUS:

Take my hand and never let go, side by side we
walk an open road
Unbreakable, with hope in our hearts, step by
step we'll make a new start
Let's be soldiers of love, soldiers of love,
soldiers of love for life

Take my hand, and never let go, never let go
And let's be soldiers of love
What's the meaning of a world on fire and a
heart without a soul
I believe that we can shine a light on what we
already ought to know
So let's not wait for someone else to
Make it right, make it right

CHORUS

Unbreakable, don't let it go, It's an open road,
time to let it show
Invincible, gonna climb the wall
Take my hand and never let go, never let go...

CHORUS



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Estonia – ERR
www.err.ee



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Jüri Pootsmann
Song:	Play
Composer(s):	Stig Rästa, Vallo Kikas & Fred Krieger
Writer(s):	Stig Rästa, Vallo Kikas & Fred Krieger
Debut Show:	First Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Eesti Laul 2016)
Twitter:	@j_pootsmann

Biography:

The last twelve months have been a magical whirlwind for 21-year old Jüri Pootsmann. After singing solo for only three years, Jüri won the Estonia edition of Idol in 2015 which landed him a record deal with Universal Music. His status as Estonia's new brilliant superstar was then cemented by being voted Best Male Act at the 2015 Estonian Music Awards.

Yes, unstoppable Jüri has become the brightest and beloved young artist in Estonia with support coming from the whole nation. Jüri's deep and sultry tone lends itself to a variety of styles and he is unafraid to provide his signature bass-baritone to an array of genres from pop and soul to more modern electronic music. He recently formed his very own band and released his debut EP. For the self-confessed Eurovision fan it was a dream come true to be awarded the honour of representing his country at the Eurovision Song Contest in Stockholm.

Lyrics:

It's getting late and be that as it may
I turn to you, I turn to you
We might seem so obvious to me
But not to you, not to you

We ain't got all night
To find out what is right
So let's go undecided till we know
The only way to go
Is let your feelings show
See all your walls come down
And just hit

CHORUS:
Play, cause that's the only way
To find out if it's love
That we're falling, we're falling into
I didn't know what to do
But now I'm good as new
Cause I'm stronger, much stronger
With you

Some might say it's an ordinary day
But not for me, not for me
If you feel your senses disagree
Bare with me bare with me

We ain't got all night
To find out what is right
So let's go undecided till we know
It's the only way to see
If we were meant to be
Let all your walls come down
And just hit

CHORUS

Some might say it's an ordinary day
But not for me, not for me

CHORUS



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F.Y.R Macedonia – MKRTV
www.mrt.com.mk

My Mark:



Performer(s): Kaliopi
Song: Dona
Composer(s): Romeo Grill
Writer(s): Kaliopi
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @Kaliopi_KMP

Biography:

This year, F.Y.R. Macedonia will be represented by one of the nation's biggest pop and rock stars, Kaliopi. The singer is also one of the most popular artists in the Balkans, known for her wonderful singing voice, with a rich timbre, and for her original interpretation. As an author of huge hits, Kaliopi set high standards and left a lasting stamp on F.Y.R. Macedonian and Balkan music.

Her first success and popularity in the countries of former Yugoslavia came with band Kaliopi founded by Romeo Grill. In 1999 Kaliopi started her solo career and since then she issued many albums, singles, received many awards and recognitions. At the invitation of the MKRTV, Kaliopi represented F.Y.R. Macedonia at the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest where she brought her country back to the Grand Final with the song Crno i belo after several years. Kaliopi and Romeo Grill's collaboration continued following the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest and yielded a new album Melem and three singles in 2013.

Lyrics:

Od site malečki nešta
ova najmnogu vredi
Od site golemi misli
od cel moj svet
I koga nazad se vrtam
ti si stalno tuka
kako skriena senka
tivok božji cvet

BRIDGE:
Za sé što ti si mi dala
od srce ti fala
za seto minato vreme

CHORUS:
Dona, Dona, Dona, Dona, Dona
Dona gledaj me
i nasmej se
za mene
Dona, Dona, Dona, Dona

moja sila, svetlost, sjaj
me praviš silna znaj, o Dona
veruvaj
vo mene veruvaj

Od site malečki nešta
ova najmnogu vredi
Od site golemi misli
od cel moj svet
Znam komu pripagjam
i kade toa radost me čeka
Odam do oblaci mali
na biserni skali

BRIDGE

CHORUS

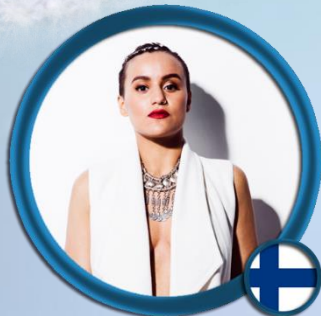
Dona, Dona, Dona, Dona, Dona
vo mene veruvaj



COME
TOGETHER



Finland – YLE
www.yle.fi



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Sandhja
Song:	Sing it away
Composer(s):	Heikki Korhonen, Markus Savijoki, Milos Rosas, Petri Matara & Sandhja Kuivalainen
Writer(s):	Sandhja Kuivalainen, Petri Matara, Milos Rosas & Markus Savijoki
Debut Show:	First Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Uuden Musiikin Kilpailu 2016)
Twitter:	@Sandhjaofficial

Biography:

Sandhja is a Finn with roots in India. She is a singer and songwriter of urban pop. In 2014 her debut album Gold was praised by critics and included the Top 20 radio hits Hold Me and Gold. "These shoes are squeezing the essence of my root, so I choose to walk barefoot." – Sandhja "These lines from the track These Shoes on my debut album summarize how I see myself and my music. I want my music to be a source of joy and fun as well as a reflection of the deepest sorrow. I hope that when people listen to it they can forget about their worries and surrender to their feelings. I believe that vulnerability is strength. When you lower your guard you can find yourself."

Lyrics:

Please believe me when I say
There's nothing harder than the strife
When heavy waters try to break you
you will be singing for life

When you feel like your world is falling down
And darkness has taken your sight
There's no need to be carrying a frown
I'll help you sing it out tonight

CHORUS:

Sing it away, all my troubles away
Sing it away, never make me fade away
Sing it away, all my troubles away
Sing it away
(Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, oh) I'm gonna sing it
(Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, oh. Yeeaah
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, oh) I'm gonna sing it
(Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, oh) I'm gonna sing it away

So if you're focused, you can make it
You'll feel like nothing can steer you of your course
When fear will try to make you cave in
Remember that love is the source

When you feel like your dreams are beaten down
and your fire is loosing its light
There's no need to be carrying a frown
I'll help you sing it out tonight

CHORUS

When all of the walls come crashing down
When you try to scream but can't make a sound
Don't' you worry about it, don't you worry about it
You just gotta sing it away

Sing it away, all my troubles away
Sing it away, never make me fade away
Sing it away, all my troubles away
Sing it away, I'm gonna sing it away
(Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, oh) I'm gonna sing it
(Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, oh. Yeeaah
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, oh) I'm gonna sing it
(Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, oh) I'm gonna sing it away



COME
TOGETHER



France – France 2
www.france2.fr



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Amir
Song:	J'ai cherché
Composer(s):	Nazim Khaled, Amir Haddad & Johan Errami
Writer(s):	Nazim Khaled & Amir Haddad
Debut Show:	Final
Selection Method:	Internal
Twitter:	@Amir_Off

Biography:

Since Amir was a child, he has dreamt of performing on stage and always had the ambition to become an artist. After being a dental surgeon, Amir tried his luck in the world of music and started a professional singing career.

In 2013 Amir took part in the talent TV music show The Voice where he got recognition from all four judges in the "blind auditions". The audience also voted for Amir and brought him to the final. At the same time, Amir started to write songs. His album Au coeur de moi includes themes that the singer cherishes, his spirituality, his idealism and musical influences.

J'ai cherché is Amir's first single. With his music, Amir wants his fans to hear the message that came from far away, but also from nearby to guide us to ourselves, to make us joyful, just for a moment which becomes eternity.

Lyrics:

You... you...

J'ai cherché un sens à mon existence, J'y ai
laissé mon innocence
J'ai fini le coeur sans défense... J'ai cherché
L'amour et la reconnaissance, J'ai payé le prix
du silence, Je me blesse et je recommence.

BRIDGE:

Tu m'as comme donné l'envie d'être moi
Donné un sens à mes pourquoi
Tu as tué la peur... qui dormait là, qui dormait là
dans mes bras

CHORUS (x2):

You... you're the one that's making me strong
I'll be looking looking for
You... like the melody of my song

J'ai cherché un sens, un point de repère,
partagé en 2 hémisphères

Comme une erreur de l'univers... J'ai jeté
Tellement de bouteilles à la mer, J'ai bu tant
de liqueurs amères, que j'en ai les lèvres de
pierre

BRIDGE

CHORUS (x2)

Au gré de nos blessures, et de nos
désinvoltures
C'est quand on n'y croit plus du tout, qu'on
trouve un paradis perdu
En nous... Oh you you you you

CHORUS

Like the melody of my song

BRIDGE
CHORUS



COME
TOGETHER



Georgia – GPB
www.gpb.ge



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Nika Kocharov & Young Georgian Lolitaz
Song:	Midnight gold
Composer(s):	Kote Kalandadze & Thomas G:son
Writer(s):	Kote Kalandadze
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	Internal
Twitter:	@Y_G_L

Biography:

Nika Kocharov's debut on stage took place with the group Blitz. That day Nika received his first gift, an acoustic guitar. He learned how to play the guitar on this unforgettable gift and still creates music on it. With Young Georgian Lolitaz, Nika Kocharov created a film soundtrack in 2003, which was later awarded the best soundtrack of the year. Soon after that the band received a business offer from London.

Young Georgian Lolitaz comprises three more musicians.

- Giorgi Marr (Bass Guitar), who studied at the KABK Royal Academy of Art in The Hague from 2009 to 2011.
- Levan Shanshiashvili (Guitar), who formed the alternative group Chaos in 1999. In 2011 he established the band Kid Jesus. Since 2000 he has been playing guitar in the group Young Georgian Lolitaz.
- Dimitri Oganessian (Drums), who currently plays the drums in Young Georgian Lolitaz.

Lyrics:

When I came to, your smell on me
I reached around the bed and grabbed a
cigarette out of your bag

Sound of you breathing, feel of your skin
brought back some memories, I never thought
this all could happen to me

Ten hours are missing, from memory
I vaguely can recall pain and pleasure mixing in
one bowl

My mind is spinning, I know the bliss
One million miles away my flesh and bones are
dreaming in a haze

CHORUS:
Stains of mud on your skin
Night will come, so we'll see

CHORUS (x2)

Stains of mud on your skin, on your skin, on
your skin...

When I came to, your smell on me
I reached around the bed and grabbed a
cigarette out of your bag



COME
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Germany – NDR
www.ndr.de



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Jamie Lee Kriewitz
Song:	Ghost
Composer(s):	Anna Leyne, Thomas Burchia, Conrad Hensel
Writer(s):	Anna Leyne
Debut Show:	Final
Selection Method:	External (Unser Lied für Stockholm)
Twitter:	@JamieLeeKriewit

Biography:

This fascinating, independent and exceptional artist, whose full name is Jamie-Lee Kriewitz, doesn't take herself too seriously. She dreams of taking a trip to Korea, lives as a vegan and is an absolute fan of the Japanese Decora Kei style, as anyone can easily see in the playful, extrovert and colourful Manga looks that she wears. A style with which Jamie-Lee is already setting a trend: her eye-catching outfits have already become hot topics on social networks and no doubt all eyes will be on her in Stockholm.

Through her music, Jamie-Lee expresses her preference for the comics aesthetics from the Far East. With her pop ballad Ghost, Jamie-Lee takes us into the secret meanders of her fantasy realm. Ghost is a rather sad love song, which depicts a story that anyone can relate to.

Lyrics:

The story of us
Is it already told?
Let's tear the book apart
Start to rewrite it all
We're already gone
But still in this together
Like a dragon to his gold
We're still holding on

BRIDGE:
Our life won't wait for us to live
(We don't need a lifetime to figure out what we miss)
The love we get is the love we give
(A money chest full of love, but we hid the key)

CHORUS:
This is the ghost of you
Haunting the ghost of me
We're lonely in a crowded room together
Tell me who's scared now!
This is the ghost of you
Haunting the ghost of me

We're playing house in these walls forever
Tell me who's scared now!
(Can we get an alternate ending?
Can we get an alternate ending?
Oooooohohoh)

Somehow we will change
Everything that we touch
But we held on too tight
And changed it too much
We sweep up this love
Put the pieces back together
And if we find them all
Can we bring this to life?

BRIDGE
CHORUS

(Can we get an alternate ending?
Can we get an alternate ending,
ooooohohoh)

CHORUS (x2)



COME
TOGETHER



Greece – ERT
www.ert.gr



My Mark:

Performer(s): Argo
Song: Utopian land
Composer(s): Vladimiros Sofianides
Writer(s): Vladimiros Sofianides
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal

Biography:

Argo is a dynamic combination, as professional music artists with prestigious music studies and impressive resumes join with passionate, self-taught performers who draw on personal experiences in order to create powerful music.

The band is mainly inspired by hip hop sounds; at the same time, their music resonates with folklore (Pontian) tunes and traditional instruments such as the lyre, all elements of ancestral legacy for most of the band's members.

Lyrics:

Aaahhh...

CHORUS:

We're the rise in the rising sun
dance with us and have some fun
We're the rise in the rising sun
join with us for a Utopian Land

Πλανήτης Γη 2016 -
ότι και αν κάνουν
η γένια μας θα τ'αντέξει
την προσφυγιά την έζησα μικρός
κοιτάζω πίσω μα προχωρώ εμπρός
Σκούμε το πρωί – τσατεύω τα παιδιά
Πέραμ' άψιμον και αχπάσταμε στην Ουτοπία
Σα ούτον κόσμο κ' εύραμε στερέα
πάμε χαλάνουμε εκές σ'εναν μερέαν

CHORUS

Χοπ χοπ
τεμέτερον χιπ χοπ
πέραμε εισιτηρια

και πάμε στο αεροπόρτ
δυο ώρας αναμένουμε το airbahal
βγάλω τα στύπα και ο Κότσον πα έβγαλεν το
μπουκάλ

χοπ σαλούτ παρακάθα και ποτία
πίνουμε βότκας κι η γιάγια μ' γαβουρεύει
χαψία
στ'αεροπλάνο εσέβαμε με τ'αχπαστόν
αδά νυχτών κι ακεί που πάμε ξημερών

We're the rise in the rising sun
dance with us and have some fun
We're the rise in the rising sun
fight with us for a Utopian Land

Αδά νυχτών κι ακεί που πάμε ξημερών
ξημερών
Αδά νυχτών κι ακεί που πάμε ξημερών
Κι ακει ,κι ακει κια ακει π
κι ακεί που πάμε ξημερών

CHORUS (x2)



COME
TOGETHER



Hungary – MTVA
www.mtva.hu

My Mark:



Performer(s): Freddie
Song: Pioneer
Composer(s): Szabó Zé
Writer(s): Borbála Csarnai
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: External (A Dal 2016)

Biography:

Freddie was born in Győr, Hungary, in 1990. His dedication to music appeared quite early, as he was translating lyrics, writing poems both in English and Hungarian, but basketball also played a leading role in his life. When he had to give up his promising sports career because of a serious injury, he turned to music for comfort and took up playing the guitar.

Freddie's musical breakthrough came in 2014 after his studies as hotel management specialist, as he took part in the Hungarian edition of Rising Star. Following the TV show, his first single Mary Joe was released and became a massive hit in no time. His single was the first Hungarian one since 2011 that managed to reach number one in the Top 40 for three weeks in a row. Freddie regularly performs concerts throughout Hungary, either with a live band or as a solo singer.

Lyrics:

When you need to run away
From what other people say
Your enemy might be your own mind
A smile, a hug, a bit of praise
You haven't received for days
For long you feel mistreated

In a world where the poems sound fake
And the love is replaced by the fame

CHORUS:

A million hearts of a million people
Be proud, you were born to be real
(Ooohhh... ooohhh...)
A million lies in a million temples
It's only fear, become a pioneer
(Ooohhh... ooohhh...)

You've been weird, been a mess
They don't know how to value uniqueness
So they turn their heads away

When there ain't no products to sell
Everyone will cast their own spell

CHORUS

No right time, no right place
To meet your inner grace
Approval is found within

A million hearts of a million people
Be proud, you were born to be real
No right time, no right place
A million lies in a million temples
It's only fear, become a pioneer
(Ooohhh... ooohhh...)

You should know, you should know (x2)



COME
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Iceland – RUV
www.ruv.is



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Greta Salóme
Song:	Hear them calling
Composer(s):	Greta Salóme Stefánsdóttir
Writer(s):	Greta Salóme Stefánsdóttir
Debut Show:	First Semi-Final
Selection Method:	Extrenal (Söngvakeppnin 2016)
Twitter:	@gretasalome

Biography:

Greta Salóme is a violinist/singer-songwriter. She is representing Iceland in the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest with the song Hear Them Calling. This is the second time that she will participate in the event; she reached the Grand Final of the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012.

Greta Salóme began playing violin at the age of four and showed a special musical talent from an early age. She has a bachelor degree in violin performance and a masters degree in music; she works and tours as a violinist and a singer songwriter. She represented Iceland at Eurovision in 2012 and released her debut album called In the Silence that same year. In 2014 she began touring with Disney Cruise Lines and is busy performing with symphony orchestras and her own concerts.

Lyrics:

Can you hear them calling?
Oh, they're calling out tonight
Now the skies are burning
Oh, they burn so bright

BRIDGE:
We shiver as we step into the cold, cold night
Then we're running, we are running now

CHORUS:
I hear them calling me, I hear them whispering
They're singing: "Now we are coming home"
I hear them calling me, I hear them howling
Singing: "Now we are coming home"
Ooohhh... ooohhh...

See the shadows dancing
Oh, they dance for us tonight
And as I'm tossing and I'm turning
Oh, they come alive

BRIDGE

CHORUS

Can you hear them? I hear them calling me,
ooohhh... ooohhh...
Can you hear them? I hear them calling me,
ooohhh... ooohhh...

I hear them calling me, I hear them whispering
I hear them calling me, we're coming home
I hear them calling me, I hear them whispering
I hear them calling me, now we're coming home
I hear them calling me, I hear them whispering

I hear them calling me, I hear them whispering
They're singing: "Now we are coming home"
(I hear them calling me, I hear them howling)
Singing: "Now we are coming home"



COME
TOGETHER



Ireland – RTE
www.rte.ie



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Nicky Byrne
Song:	Sunlight
Composer(s):	Nicky Byrne, Wayne Hector & Ronan Hardiman
Writer(s):	Nicky Byrne, Wayne Hector & Ronan Hardiman
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	Internal
Twitter:	@NickyByrne

Biography:

Nicky Byrne was born in 1978 in the northside Dublin suburb of Baldoyle. His first love was football and during his early years he played for local Dublin clubs. In 1995 he signed for the UK premiership club Leeds United as a goalkeeper.

In 1998 Nicky joined Westlife – the most successful pop group of the noughties. In 2012, Westlife decided to take a break and since then Nicky has carved out a very successful career as a television and radio presenter.

He currently presents one of Ireland's most popular radio shows on RTÉ 2FM 'The Nicky Byrne Show with Jenny Greene'. He lives in Dublin with his wife, Georgina and their twin sons, Rocco and Jay and daughter Gia.

Lyrics:

Don't be afraid, It's only dark till the world turns round
Just don't look down, If you're afraid of the higher ground
Hold on to me and let me hold on to you
We don't look back, we let it slide out of view
And we can make it if we break out beyond these clouds

CHORUS:

We'll be standing out in the sunlight
We stay together, we'll live forever in the sunlight
It's now or never, you know you better
Just touch who you wanna, kiss who you gotta, fight like we're winners
Love like beginners, dance like you mean it, sing like you feel it
Everything's better standing out in the sun

Stop for a moment just to take in the sights and sounds
Hold on to me and let me hold on to you
We don't look back, we let it slide out of view
There's no tomorrow, so let's live in the here and now

CHORUS

Come turn me, inside out upside down, I'll be your lover boy
Turn the music loud, we can join the crowd, in the Sunlight
We stay together, we'll live forever in the sunlight
It's now or never, you know you better
Just touch who you wanna, kiss who you gotta, fight like we're winners
Love like beginners, dance like you mean it, sing like you feel it
Everything's better standing out in the sun



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Israel – IBA
www.iba.org.il



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Hovi Star
Song:	Made of stars
Composer(s):	Doron Medalie
Writer(s):	Doron Medalie
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Hakochav Haba Le'eyrovizion)
Twitter:	@MrHoviStar

Biography:

Hovi Star is one of Israel's most recognised and beloved singers and since 2009 he has released several singles and performed hundreds of times, all over the world. Hovi also wrote and composed songs for other singers and was asked to join the dubbing ensemble for the Hebrew versions of Disney and Pixar box office hits including Frozen, Lego, Cinderella, Inside Out and others.

Hovi's childhood dream was to represent Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest. With rare vocal abilities and a winning personality, he recently took part in the music reality TV show, The Next Star for Eurovision. Hovi was a clear favourite from the beginning, winning the hearts of both viewers at home and the panel of expert jurors. Hovi is also very interested in fashion, which will be reflected in his performance on stage in Stockholm.

Lyrics:

A language I don't understand
You speak, I listen, I'm your friend
(You hypnotize me...)
Take my hand
A million faces tied in chains
You ride a black horse in the rain,
(You hypnotize me...)

Don't escape no more
No more, no more, no more,
Cause we are all...

CHORUS:
Made of stars
Silver fragments falling
We are... made of stars
We are made of stars
Searching for that secret promise
Made of stars

You heal me, you fill me
Ignite a flame within me (Hypnotize me...)

Mmmm... I'm begging you
Don't escape no more
No more,
no more, no more,
'cause we are all...

CHORUS
Tell me that you understand
Come in close and take my hand
Let's float across the sky line
There's no floor and there's no ceiling
Dance with me like we are made of stars

Cause we are, cause we are
Cause we are, cause we are
We are, we are, we are...

CHORUS

Dance with me like we are made of stars (x2)



COME
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Italy – RAI
www.rai.it



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Francesca Michielin
Song:	No degree of separation
Composer(s):	Fabio Gargiulo, Federica Abbate & Cheope
Writer(s):	Francesca Michielin, Federica Abbate & Norma Jean Martine
Debut Show:	Final
Selection Method:	External (Festival di Sanremo 2016)
Twitter:	@francescacacheeks

Biography:

Born in 1995, Francesca studied piano and electric bass as a child. Aged 16, she won Italian X Factor, her single and EP titled *Distratto* (#1 on iTunes) was certified double platinum. The song was a gift from Elisa, who also worked on the artistic direction of *Riflessi di Me*, Francesca's debut album. Released in 2013, *Cigno Nero*, was a double-platinum duet with rapper Fedez. They also recorded *Magnifico* (five times platinum). In 2014, she wrote and sang *Amazing*, on *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* soundtrack. In 2015, she released *di20* followed by *Nice to Meet You: a musical autobiography* that she toured solo in clubs playing keyboards, guitar, electric bass, kettle drum, and TC-Helicon.

In 2016, Francesca came second at Sanremo with *Nessun Grado di Separazione* (#1 on iTunes and radio charts, Festival's most popular song on Spotify with more than 1 million streams). The video already has 5 million views. The track is from her new album *di20are*, which debuted at #1 on iTunes and is a bestselling album in Italy.

Lyrics:

È la prima volta che mi capita, prima mi
chiudevo in una scatola
Sempre un po' distante dalle cose della vita
Perché così profondamente non l'avevo mai
sentita
E poi ho sentito un'emozione accendersi veloce
E farsi strada nel mio petto senza spegnere la
voce
E non sentire più tensione solo vita dentro di
me

Nessun grado di separazione
Nessun tipo di esitazione
Non c'è più nessuna divisione fra di noi
Siamo una sola direzione in questo universo
che si muove
Non c'è nessun grado di separazione

Davo meno spazio al cuore e più alla mente,
sempre un passo indietro e l'anima in allerta

e guardavo il mondo da una porta, mai
completamente aperta e non da vicino
e no non c'è alcuna esitazione finalmente
dentro di me

There is no degree of separation
There is no degree of hesitation
There is no degree of space between us, live
in love
We are stars aligned together
dancing through the sky, we are shining

Nessun grado di separazione
Nessun grado di separazione in questo
universo che si muove
E poi ho sentito un'emozione accendersi
veloce
E farsi strada nel mio petto senza spegnere la
voce



COME
TOGETHER



Latvia - LTV
www.ltv.lv



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Justs
Song:	Heartbeat
Composer(s):	Aminata Savadogo
Writer(s):	Aminata Savadogo
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Supernova 2016)
Twitter:	@Justs_Sirmais

Biography:

Justs launched his solo career by participating in Latvia's national Eurovision selection. He names Ray Charles, Michael Jackson, The Neighbourhood and Glass Animals among his musical influences.

Justs' diverse musical activities include providing lead vocals for Latvian hip-hop artists Gacho on the record as well as live on tour and being part of funk-rock band TaxFree and Bunch of Gentlemen. Justs began his musical journey as a street musician in Riga.

Justs studies at Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy to become a vocal coach for popular and jazz music and his long-term goal is opening an alternative music school. Additionally he has teamed up with his friends and is in process of creating an APP that he himself describes as Tinder for musicians.

Lyrics:

I know you told so many times, so many words
in different rhymes
But I don't feel the same
I wasn't innocent I know, and things I did for
sure were wrong
The time has passed so long

CHORUS:
Feeling your heartbeat
That's what I want, that's what I need
Feeling again that you're breathing with me

I'm getting wild when I'm alone, I learned by
heart you're not my own
But I never asked you to belong
You're my desire and my pain, but all the
battles are in vain
You mean more than anything to me

CHORUS (x2)

You're the one I need
You're the air that I breathe
Don't throw my heart away
I want you to stay

CHORUS (x2)

Feeling your heartbeat





Lithuania – LRT
www.lrt.lt



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Donny Montell
Song:	I've been waiting for this night
Composer(s):	Jonas Thander & Beatrice Robertsson
Writer(s):	Jonas Thander & Beatrice Robertsson
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Eurovizijos 2016)
Twitter:	@DonnyMontell

Biography:

Montell (28) is a well-known artist in his homeland and successful participant of many TV-projects in Lithuania. He gained popularity after taking part in various prestigious festivals. In 2008, Montell won the Grand Prix prize at the Belorussian festival, Slavianskij Bazar.

Two years later, he scored another victory, winning the show Dance With Me. However, this was just the beginning, as he was taking part in many popular shows and contests together with a group of professional dancers.

Participating in the national selection was just a matter of time for Donny Montell. In 2012, he introduced himself to a much wider audience, by taking part in LRT's selections "Eurovizija" with the song Love Is Blind. Winning the national selection in Lithuania brought him to Baku, where he took part at the Eurovision Song Contest for the very first time.

Lyrics:

Here we are together you and I, I...
Watching lights around us fill the night, night...
I was living in the dark, tried to heal my broken heart
Until now, here we are together you and I, I...

CHORUS:

For a thousand years through a million tears
With a hungry heart, every day apart
I've been waiting for this night, I've been waiting for this night
When I see your smile and your beautiful eyes
I get lost in time, now I know that I've
I've been waiting for this night, I've been waiting for this night

If only I could stay here by your side, side...
To promise you forever here tonight, night...
There is nothing I can do, that can take my heart from you
Always yours, if only I could stay here by your side, side...

CHORUS

Aaahhh aaahhh aaahhh aaahhh

CHORUS

Here we are together you and I



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Malta – TVM
www.tvm.com.mt



My Mark:

Performer(s): Ira Losco
Song: Walk on water
Composer(s): Lisa Desmond, Tim Larsson, Tobias Lundgren, Molly Petterson Hammar & Ira
Writer(s): Lisa Desmond, Tim Larsson, Tobias Lundgren, Molly Petterson Hammar & Ira
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: National Final (Malta Eurovision Song Contest 2016)
Twitter: @iralosco

Biography:

Ira Losco is one of the biggest names in Maltese music, and her career spanning over 15 years has seen her win more than 20 music awards. Ira has twice opened concerts for Sir Elton John and has performed alongside Katie Melua, Maroon 5, Akon, Enrique Iglesias, Ronan Keating, Tokio Hotel, Gigi D'Alessio and many more. She has also had a string of chart topping singles, including What I'd Give, The Person I Am, and Me Luv U Long Time. Her fifth album will be released this year. Ira is also no stranger to Eurovision, having come within 12 points of winning the Eurovision Song Contest in Tallinn in 2002. She returns to the Eurovision stage 14 years later in Stockholm with a powerful song, Walk on Water. Beyond music, Ira is an advocate for LGBTI rights, supports anti-bullying initiatives and campaigns to help teenagers protect themselves from revenge porn. In 2008 she was awarded a Prestigious Medal by the President of Malta in recognition of her outstanding achievements.

Lyrics:

I've been fading into grey
Trying to be someone
Trying to please someone
I've been painting bitter blue
Always hitting walls
Always trying to break the fall

BRIDGE:
I'm not perfect
But I'm A ok
Chasing off the clouds
I lock the blues away
I lock the pain away

CHORUS:
I can't get enough of your love
I can't get you out of my heart
I can't get enough of your love
Cause I, I, I, I
Feel like I can walk on water
On water, On water
And now I'm gonna walk on
water, On water, On water
Feels like I can walk on water

I've been trying hard to hear
what my heart wants to say
Letting it lead the way

BRIDGE

I can't get enough of your love
I can't get you out of my heart
I can't get enough of your love Cause I, I, I, I
Feel like I can walk on water
On water, on water
And now i'm gonna walk on

(Ooh ooh ooh) All I wanna do is
(Ooh ooh ooh) Keep walking on water
(Ooh ooh ooh) All I wanna do is walk on water

I can't get enough of your love Cause I, I, I, I
Feel like I can walk on water
On water, On water
And now i'm gonna walk on
water, on water, on water
Feel like I can walk on water



COME
TOGETHER



Moldova – TRM
www.trm.md



My Mark:

Performer(s): Lidia Isac
Song: Falling stars
Composer(s): Gabriel Alares, Sebastian Lestapier, Ellen Berg & Leonid Gutkin
Writer(s): Gabriel Alares, Sebastian Lestapier, Ellen Berg & Leonid Gutkin
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: External (O Melodie Pentru Europa 2016)
Twitter: @Lidialsac

Biography:

Lidia Isac was born on 27th March, 1993 in St Petersburg, Russia. Lidia has been involved in the music since she was a child. At the age of seven, she began to take piano classes at Maria Biesu musical school in Chisinau. Lidia has participated in and won a huge amount of competitions. Her first international success came when she was 13 after she took part in the Serebryanaia Yantra contest in Bulgaria.

In 2013 Lidia Isac came third in East Bazaar, a music completion in Yalta. In 2014, the singer reached the final of New Wave, the international contest in Jurmala, Latvia. She also took part in the Grand-Prix of the Baltic Supertars Contest in St Petersburg. In 2015, she won Meikin Asia in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan.

Lidia Isac will represent Moldova in the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest. The singer has already tried her luck as a solo artist and as a part of the duo Glam Girls in national selections in previous years. In Stockholm Lidia will sing Falling Stars, written and composed by Gabriel Alares, Sebastian Lestapier, Ellen Berg and Leonid Gutkin.

Lyrics:

Lost in time you're miles away
I try to speak, make a sound
The dark surrounds me when you're gone
The dream we had disappeared
Still I believe, I'm holding on
I didn't mean to let you down

We could be the brightest falling
The brightest falling stars

CHORUS:
The sky is tumbling, it's coming down coming down
the wildest fire is burning out, out
And when our fall torn us to pieces
All of our love turned into dust
We're the brightest falling stars

Flashings lights, I close my eyes
I let the sunlight comfort me
When all that's left are memories

We could be the brightest falling stars

CHORUS

(The brightest falling stars)

The thought of us all disappeared
Still I believe, I'm holding on

CHORUS



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Montenegro – RTCG
www.rtcg.me



My Mark:

Performer(s): Highway
Song: The real thing
Composer(s): Skansi, Luka Vojvodic & Maro Market
Writer(s): Skansi, Luka Vojvodic & Maro Market
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @Highway__Band

Biography:

Highway is a Montenegrin pop-rock band from Podgorica. They became famous after the success in the regional TV show X Factor Adria. Their performances in the show received significant support from the jury and audience, bringing them popularity in the region.

The band consists of Petar Tasic (lead vocal), Luka Vojvodic (guitar and vocal), Marko Pesic (guitar and vocal) and an associate member Bojan Jovovic (keyboards and vocal).

Petar, Luka, Marko and Bojan will represent Montenegro at the Eurovision Song Contest in Stockholm with the song The Real Thing.

Lyrics:

Aaahhh... aaahhh...

Inside you take me a little closer
Inside you cause you got
Spinning shadows on the walls
I see you, inside me...

CHORUS:

Feel it I'm the real thing, yeah (x2)
I'm gonna fight for your love
Gonna run, gonna feel good
I'm gonna feel what my body knows
I'm gonna fight for your love
Gonna run, gonna feel good
I'm gonna feel

I'm the real thing (x3)
Real thing, real thing, yeah

Inside you take me a little closer
Inside you
Cause you got spinning walls on the walls
I see you, inside me...

CHORUS

Feel it I'm the real thing, yeah
Feel it I'm the real thing, yeah



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Norway – NRK
www.nrk.no



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Agnete
Song:	Icebreaker
Composer(s):	Agnete Johansen, Gabriel Alares, Ian Curnow
Writer(s):	Agnete Johansen, Gabriel Alares, Ian Curnow
Debut Show:	Second Semi-Final
Selection Method:	External (Melodi Grand Prix 2016)
Twitter:	@AgneteOfficial

Biography:

Despite being just 21, Agnete Johnsen has already accumulated almost a decade of experience in the music business. As lead singer of the band the BlackSheeps, she won the 2008 Melodi Grand Prix Junior, a competition for young singers, with the monster hit Oro jaska, beana (Be quiet, dog).

She competed with the same band at the 2011 Melodi Grand Prix, Norway's national selection for the Eurovision Song Contest), and took part in TV programs such as Stjerneekamp. Agnete was the youngest ever winner of the Norwegian edition of Strictly Come Dancing in 2014.

Agnete's entry for the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest is called Icebreaker, and was written by Agnete herself together with Gabriel Alares and Ian Curnow.

Lyrics:

Every night
Before I sleep a shiver down my spine
Thoughts align
What can i do to make you listen
Like a northern light
You're dancing over every border line
Passing every sign
Between reality and fiction

BRIDGE:
Every single promise that you ever made
Spinning in my mind like a hurricane
Baby yes I hear your mayday
Mayday

CHORUS:
I'll be your icebreaker
When you're stuck in frozen water
(when you're stuck in)
Frozen water
Icebreaker
When you're stuck in frozen water, frozen water

You go astray
Just like a polaroid
You fade away
I'll be you partner
and liberate you from your prison

Baby yes I hear your mayday
Mayday

CHORUS

We're way too young to say goodbye
Whenever you loose faith just hold the line
It takes a lot of nerve to save a life

Icebreaker
when you're stuck in frozen water, frozen water
Icebreaker
when you're stuck in... frozen water
Frozen water



COME
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Poland – TVP
www.tvp.pl



My Mark:

Performer(s): Michał Szpak
Song: Color of your life
Composer(s): Andy Palmer
Writer(s): Kamil Varen
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: External (Krajowe Eliminacje 2016)
Twitter: @michalszpakofic

Biography:

Michał Szpak was born on 26th November, 1990 in Jasło, into a artistic family. Aged 9 he performed on stage and won his first award in the Young Talents Competition.

In 2011 he reached the X-factor talent show finale. He came second singing with the British edition's winner Alexandra Burke, who was impressed by his vibrant image and charisma. A few weeks later, he gave a concert at the Orange Warsaw Festival, before Skunk Anansie and Moby. He sang three songs from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Guns N' Roses and Lenny Kravitz. In December 2011 Michał released his first recordings; an EP with 5 songs.

In 2013 Michał won the main prize, the Golden Samovar, at the Russian Song Festival in Zielona Góra, with the song "Dark Eyes".

In November 2015 he released an album *Byle Być Sobą* (Just Be Yourself), which included 12 songs with different musical styles reflecting the artist's fascination with music from the 1980s, 1990s as well as symphonic music. He performed his first single, Real Hero at the 52nd National Festival of Polish Songs in Opole. He won the main prize in the SuperPremieres 2015 competition by a large margin of votes.

Lyrics:

When loneliness is knocking on your door
Everything you loved just disappears
And when you feel that everything is lost
You need to know there's no life without tears

CHORUS:
Ooohh tell me black or white
What color is your life
Ooohhh try to ask your heart
Who you really are

No one is forever beautiful and young
Everything you know just disappears
Fame and gold are nothing you can be sure
When there is no love in your heart
You need to know there's no life without fear

The choice is yours who you really want to be
Don't be afraid of your destiny
So when you feel that everything is lost

CHORUS

Every day we must fight with the wind
We have to live
All these things are just empty desire
Cause there's no smoke without fire

CHORUS

Ooohhh try to ask your heart
What color is your life



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Russia – C1R
www.1tv.ru



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Sergey Lazarev
Song:	You are the only one
Composer(s):	Dimitris Kontopoulos & Philip Kirkorov
Writer(s):	John Ballard & Ralph Charlie
Debut Show:	First Semi-Final
Selection Method:	Internal
Twitter:	@sergeylazarev

Biography:

Sergey Lazarev, born in 1983, is a famous Russian singer, actor and TV presenter. When Sergey was 17 years old he formed the group Smash!! together with his friend Vlad Topalov. At the end of 2004 Smash!! split up at the peak of their success, and Sergey Lazarev decided to continue with his solo career.

His first solo album Don't Be Fake became a bestseller. In 2010 Sergey signed a record contract with Sony Music Entertainment. Sergey won the most prestigious music and theater awards in Russia. In 2015 Sergey Lazarev won all possible Russian music awards, including the First Russian National Music Award as the Best Singer of the Year. The tickets for his 2016 tour The Best in more than 55 cities in Russia were sold out almost immediately after announcement.

Sergey is also the voice of cartoon and movie characters, such as Prince Arthur from Shrek The Third, Humphrey, the wolf from Alpha and Omega, and Troy Bolton (originally Zak Efron) from Disney's High School Musical. Sergey likes pets. Three years ago he took a dog from a pet shelter and since then he has barely been separated from him. The dog even inspired his small business, The Confectionery for Pets, that he founded last year.

Lyrics:

We can never let the word be unspoken
We will never let our loving go come undone
Everything we had is staying unbroken, now...
you will always be the only one... you're the only one

BRIDGE:
Won't ever give up cause you're still
somewhere out there
nothin' or no-one's gonna keep us apart
Breakin' it down but i'm still gettin' nowhere...
won't stop... hold on

CHORUS:
Thunder 'n' lightning it's gettin' excitin'
Lights up the skyline to show where u are
My love is rising the story's unwindin'
Together we'll make it 'n' reach for the stars
You're the only one, you're my only one
You're my life every breath that I take
Unforgettable so unbelievable
You're the only one, my only one...

I could have told you to slow down 'n' stay down
I could have told you a secret won't u keep it now
Thinking of making a showdown when love is found
Thinking of waiting till you're around

BRIDGE

CHORUS (x2)

You're my only one...

Thunder (and lightning It's getting exciting)
It's getting exciting (lights up the skyline to show were you are)
To show were you are (You're the only one)
You're my only one
You're my life every breath that I take
Unforgettable so unbelievable
You're the only one, my only one...



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San Marino – SMRTV
www.smtvsanmarino.sm

My Mark:



Performer(s): Serhat
Song: I didn't know
Composer(s): Olcayto Ahmet Tuğsuz
Writer(s): Nektarios Tyrakis
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @serhathpo

Biography:

Serhat is a successful singer, producer and TV-host who chose to work in the show-business after completing his education in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Istanbul. He entered the world of television with Riziko, the Turkish version of America's legendary Jeopardy, where he was both the producer and the presenter.

Serhat's international music career had huge success with the single Total Disguise, performed in a duet with Viktor Lazlo who presented the 1987 Eurovision Song Contest. His following single Chocolate Flavour became another popular hit, especially in Greece. In 2007 he collaborated with the Russian/Georgian star Tamara Gverdtsiteli. 19 years ago Serhat founded the National and International High Schools Music Contest and has been guiding and coaching talented young musicians. Since 2013 Serhat's music career has been based in France and Germany. His latest single Je M'adore was Number 1 for five weeks in a row in the German DJ Charts.

Lyrics:

I want to stay with you tonight
Far from every sight and every fear
I got to be inside your mind
And hide into your arms
You have to see this love is real
Come along and live with my emotions
From now on we'll make a deal
To thrill everything we feel

I want to sleep upon your skin
Run against the wind to reach your passion
I lay my future in your hands
We'll dance under the stars
I need you more and more each day
I've got to say I am addicted
We'll sail together through the skies
Your eyes never told me lies

I didn't know, that I'm falling for you
And my dreams could come true
I didn't know, that you're warm like the sun
Our life has just begun
I didn't know, you're the one for me
I thought I'd never find
I didn't know

That you wished for the moon
To provide me the light
I didn't know
That I'm falling for you
And my dreams could come true
I didn't know
That you're warm like the sun
Our life has just begun
I didn't know
That you're freezing the time
Just to make you all mine
I didn't know
With every beat of your heart
I'm melting into you

I didn't know
That I'm falling for you
And my dreams could come true
I didn't know
That you're warm like the sun
Our life has just begun
I didn't know
You're the one for me
I thought I'd never find
I didn't know (x4)



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Serbia – RTS
www.rts.rs



My Mark:

Performer(s): Sanja Vučić ZAA
Song: Goodbye (Shelter)
Composer(s): Ivana Peters
Writer(s): Ivana Peters
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal

Biography:

Fifteen years later, she has developed a voice to perform challenging songs of soul artists like Aretha Franklin, Beyoncé.

Nevertheless, Sanja developed her voice further with the opera diva Katarina Jovanović, who said that "it is important for Sanja to remain who she is and retain her distinctiveness". Besides studying Arabic, Sanja is a lead vocalist in the band ZAA.

Sanja lives in Belgrade, but she adores her hometown of Kruševac. Now she will have the opportunity to get to know Stockholm. Her career is referred to as "a Serbian dream", since she is a young girl who, thanks to her talent, managed to get the chance of a lifetime.

Lyrics:

I wish I could stop it, I wish I could fight it,
But there's nothing I can do
I thought that we were meant for each other
Oh, how I wish I knew you better

I played a fool so many times, can't even count it

CHORUS:

Everytime I say goodbye,
You try to keep me by your side
Gotta fight my way out of your hands,
find the shelter from the pain
Every time you say your lies,
I hide away and close my eyes,
I won't let you tear my world apart,
gotta find a shelter for my heart

I thought that it was supposed to hurt me,
I thought that it was love,
I put my hands up but I won't surrender
don't need what doesn't serve me any more

I lick my wounds so that I can keep on fighting.

CHORUS

Every time I say goodbye
Baby stay away this night
Everytime I say goodbye (you try to keep me by your side)
I would fight my way out of your hands (find the Shelter from the pain)
Everytime (I hide away and close my eyes) I won't let you tear my world apart,
gotta find a shelter for my heart



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Slovenia – RTVSLO
www.rtv slo.si

My Mark:



Performer(s): ManuElla
Song: Blue and red
Composer(s): Manuella Brechko & Marjan Hvala
Writer(s): Leon Oblak
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: Ecternal (Evrovizijska Melodija 2016)
Twitter: @BreckoManuella

Biography:

Music was a part of ManuElla's life from the very childhood: at the age of six, ManuElla already played accordion, and at 13 she had her own band playing bass guitar. But she has always felt best as a vocalist. As a 16-year-old, she performed for the first time on TV and then took part in a German musical talent show Das Supertalent, where she ranked amongst the first one hundred best performers. In 2012, ManuElla took part in Misija Evrovizija, one of the selection shows for the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest and was placed in the semi-final.

The past two years were difficult for ManuElla. She lost her father who was her greatest supporter and fan. However, she got back on her feet and dedicated herself to composing songs which keeps her uplifted and fills her with the will to live. She claims everyone must follow their dreams in this short life and follow one's calling. She entered her song, Blue And Red, to the national selection in Slovenia, EMA 2016 and won the right to represent her country in Stockholm.

Lyrics:

Blue and red, like I'm watching you and me
Every little thing you've said
Led me to fall in love with you
Then you tried to fix me and I wasn't strong
But you are not a composer, I am not your
song
Strange chords, different worlds

BRIDGE:
How can I mix red and blue together, beautiful
days and stormy weather
Allaaayyy... allaaayyy... allaaayyy...

CHORUS:
Cause blue is blue and red is red, our past is
spinning in my head
But now the colour doesn't matter, you feel
blue and I am better

Now I'm changed, now I'm stronger than
before
Ain't never touching me no more
I'm okay, I'll find my way

BRIDGE

CHORUS

(Blue is blue and red is red, now the colour
doesn't matter)

Allaaayyy... allaaayyy... allaaayyy... (x2)



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Spain – RTVE
www.rtve.es



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Barei
Song:	Say Yay!
Composer(s):	Bárbara Reyzábal, Rubén Villanueva, Víctor Púa
Writer(s):	Bárbara Reyzábal, Rubén Villanueva, Víctor Púa
Debut Show:	Final
Selection Method:	External (Objetivo Eurovisión)
Twitter:	@BAREI_MUSIC

Biography:

Barei, stage name of Barbara Reyzábal, was born in Madrid on the 29th of March, 1982. Singer and composer of all her songs, her music career spans over 15 years. She has released two albums so far; Billete para no volver (No-return Ticket) and Throw The Dice. Barei studied musical language, singing, guitar and piano. At 18 she participated at the Benidorm Song Festival. After that she moved to Miami where she started writing and recording her first demos. Since her return to Spain, she toured through small venues and last year Barei performed at the Starlite Festival in Marbella. Barei mainly sings and composes in English. She has written songs for other artists such as the Spanish singers Malú and Edurne as well as the Japanese performer May J. Barei has also written soundtracks for television.

Barei wrote her song for the Eurovision Song Contest, Say Yay! along with Ruben Villanueva and Victor Pua. It is an up tempo song with energy and strength that emotionally reflects the common struggle for self-improvement; a rallying cry for anyone who fights to accomplish their goals.

Lyrics:

Hello hello Mr. Fighter, Look! there we go again... Go getters don't forsake
They never wallow in their fate
More than a thousand miles until the end
We're never gonna know what lies ahead
We only got today to learn from our yesterday

BRIDGE:
I feel alive (bringing into play)
my whole life (going all the way)
I'm still alive (and I turn away)
from broken mirrors
I feel alive (when I dare to say)
I wanna fight

Won't fix by running... running... running...

CHORUS:
Come on and raise your battle cry!
You are the one who never dies!
(Hurray! Sing it lalalala! Go on singing lalalala!)
You keep on climbing over hills!
Right now you're following your dreams!
Hurray! Sing it lalalala! Hurray!

(Say Yay Yay Yay!) Hurray!
(Say Yay Yay Yay! Say Yay Yay Yay!) Hurray!
(Say Yay Yay Yay!)

Hello Hello Mr. Danger, No need to be afraid, I know by heart my shades
I got the light between my breaks
More than a thousand wounds upon my hands of every time I fought them face to face!
We go through our mistakes to find the way to go back straight

BRIDGE

Won't fix by running
No, no, no, no won't fix by running

CHORUS

(Say Yay Yay Yay!) Hurray!
You gotta say yay! (Say Yay Yay Yay!)
Churu chuchu churu chu churu chuchu chu
Hurray! You gotta say Yay!
Raise up your battle cry Say Yay Yay Yay!



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Sweden – SVT
www.svt.se



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Frans
Song:	If I were sorry
Composer(s):	Frans Jeppson Wall, Fredrik Andersson, Michael Saxell & Oscar Fogelström
Writer(s):	Frans Jeppson Wall, Fredrik Andersson, Michael Saxell & Oscar Fogelström
Debut Show:	Final
Selection Method:	External (Melodifestivalen 2016)
Twitter:	@FransJeppsson

Biography:

Frans Jeppson Wall was born on December 19, 1998 in Ystad, region of Skåne in Southern Sweden. He first gained recognition during the World Cup of 2006 when he released his now famed tribute track paying homage to Zlatan Ibrahimovic, all at the tender age of seven years old. The song, named Who's Da Man swiftly became a phenomenon and Frans was soon crowned "Zlatan- Frans" with and by the Swedish people. This year, 10 years after his original homage to Zlatan, Frans is now making an explosive comeback in the Swedish Song Contest Melodifestivalen with his new track If I Were Sorry.

The track is co-written by Fredrik Andersson, Michael Saxell, Oscar Fogelström and Frans himself. The song is currently #1 on the Swedish Spotify charts, number 1 on the Swedish national single sales chart and the track has since been streamed more than 4 million times – this despite stiff competition from other strong Melodifestivalen contributions as well as world famous artists including Zayn and Rihanna.

Lyrics:

I'd crawl through the desert on my hands and knees
Rehearsin my pretty please
Climb the highest mountain, If I were sorry
Shout it from the top
Swim under water until my lungs exploded
Walk into the fire, If I were sorry
I'd run a thousand miles
Wouldn't stop until I dropped
Wouldn't take a break to breathe until I got close enough, Then I'd do it all again
If I really had the chance
But I know deep inside for you its just another dance

CHORUS:

If I were sorry, I'd give you all the glory
If I were sorry
If I were sorry, It would be a different story
If I were sorry
If I were sorry... ooohhh
I'd hold my breath until my face turned blue
I'd rob a bank and the post office too
Swim across the ocean

If I were sorry, I'd take vow of silence
I wouldn't say a single word
Until you really Heard, If I were sorry
I'd run a thousand miles
Wouldn't stop until I dropped
Wouldn't take the break to breathe
Until I I got close enough

CHORUS

Now I did you ever realize
That your mistake had a prize
Oh you threw it all away
Cuz youre the devil in disguise
Now would you ever realize
The consequences of your lies
And would you save the falling tear or act as if
There's nothing there

If I were sorry (If I were sorry) (x2)
If I were sorry, I'd take a vow of silence
I wouldn't say a single word (If I were sorry)
If I were sorry, I'd be on my hands and knees
beggin pretty please
If I were sorry, but I'm not sorry no



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Switzerland – SRG SSR
www.srgssr.ch



My Mark:

Performer(s): Rykka
Song: The last of our kind
Composer(s): Christina Maria Rieder, Mike James, Jeff Dawson & Warne Livesey
Writer(s): Christina Maria Rieder, Mike James, Jeff Dawson & Warne Livesey
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: External (Entscheidungsshow)
Twitter: @theRykka

Biography:

Tucked away in the vast hills and deep lakes near Zürich, Switzerland, and in the Canadian wilderness surrounding Vancouver, Rykka has been writing feverishly and honing her next sound. Change has been a constant for the multitalented songwriter, who started as an acoustic folk artist under her name Christina Maria before reinventing herself as Rykka and emerging with an alternative pop bang.

Her new single, The Last Of Our Kind, is a triumphant mega-ballad about standing for love at the end of the world. It was produced by Warne Livesey at Toronto's Coalition Music, and Rykka recorded the vocals in the Swiss village of Belalp. Now, after winning the Swiss national final, Rykka is honoured to represent her homeland in the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest in Stockholm.

Lyrics:

Soldier, take off your armour
Show me your heart, this is home
And it's stronger, stronger than water
Deeper than reason, longer than time

Here we are at the end of the movie
I've never felt more alive
It's time to rise

CHORUS:
We're the last of our kind
It's a whole new world
And we're facing the fire
Not afraid of our own ghosts
We're the last of our kind
And we're all that we know
And we're out of our minds
Not afraid to be brave though
We're the last of our kind

The Last Of our kind (x2)
Not afraid to be brave
We're the last of our kind

This is paradise, turn off the searchlight
We're where we belong
Standing tall at the end of the story
Watching world's collide
It's time to rise

CHORUS

Here we are now, with nothing to lose
I know without love, we won't pull through
Cause deep in the night, there is a light
And it guides us to truth.

It's a whole new world
And we're facing the fire
Not afraid of our own ghosts
We're the last of our kind
and we're all that we know
And we're out of our minds
Not afraid to be brave though
We're the last of our kind

The last of our kind (x2)
Not afraid to be brave
We're the last of our kind



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The Netherlands – AVROTROS
www.avrotros.nl

My Mark:



Performer(s): Douwe Bob
Song: Slow down
Composer(s): Douwe Bob Posthuma, Jan Peter Hoekstra, Jeroen Overman & Matthijs Van Duijvenbode
Writer(s): Douwe Bob Posthuma, Jan Peter Hoekstra & Jeroen Overman
Debut Show: First Semi-Final
Selection Method: Internal
Twitter: @douwe_bob

Biography:

Douwe Bob (23), was born and raised in an Amsterdam artists' family. In 2012 he was voted best singer-songwriter in the Netherlands and has become established in the Dutch music scene with the #1 album Pass It On and hits like Sweet Sunshine and Hold Me Now (duet with Anouk, 2013 Eurovision Song Contest). His music is characterised by the combination of songs rooted firmly in the 60s and 70s but at the same time, has an extremely contemporary sound. A love for music from that time was something he grew up with.

The chemistry with his band members is essential; their live performances at major national and international festivals and their recent tour of the Netherlands, have been described as formidable. Slow Down is a protest song against the demands of modern life. Douwe believes that it is necessary to sit back and look at what is really important in life.

Lyrics:

I'm going nowhere and I'm going fast
I should find a place to go and rest
I should find a place to lay my head tonight

Every morning there's another start
Every morning hits so hard
Guess I'm running scared, guess I'm running on empty

Mister can you help me
Cause it seems I've been lead astray
I keep searching for an answer for a way
Won't you help me
You gotta...

CHORUS:
Slow down brother
Slow down brother
Slow down if you can't go on
Slow down brother
Slow down brother
Slow down if you can't go on

Do you think I'll ever learn
I used to be without concern
Now all I ever do don't seem to free me

Mister can you help me
Cause it seems I've been lead astray
I keep searching for an answer today
Won't you help me
You gotta...

CHORUS (x3)



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Ukraine – NTU
www.1tv.com.ua

My Mark:



Performer(s): Jamala
Song: 1944
Composer(s): Jamala
Writer(s): Jamala
Debut Show: Second Semi-Final
Selection Method: External (Eurovision Song Contest Ukraine 2016)
Twitter: @Jamala_official

Biography:

Jamala made her first professional record at the age of nine, it was the album of songs for children. She has graduated from the National Music Academy named after Tchaikovsky in Kyiv, majoring in opera singing. Jamala was going to make a career in classical music but in summer 2009 Jamala went to The New Wave, the International Contest of Young Singers in Jūrmala (Latvia) where she won the grand prize.

This year, Jamala won YUNA awards such as "Best Album", "Best Duo", "Best Artist" and "Best Song". Besides this she got ELLE Style Award ("Singer of the year"), Ukrainian National Award "Person of the Year" (nomination "Idol of Ukrainians").

Jamala has released four albums. The latest record Podykh (Breath) was released in 2015. The singer released 12 official music videos. She played the main female part in the historical drama Guide, which got the best box-office among Ukrainian movies in 2014. Jamala also had a cameo in fantasy movie Polina by Belgian director Olias Barco.

Lyrics:

When strangers are coming...
They come to your house,
They kill you all and say
We're not guilty... not guilty.

BRIDGE:
Where is your mind? Humanity cries.
You think you are gods, but everyone dies.
Don't swallow my soul... our souls

CHORUS:
Yaşlığım toyalmadım
Men bu yerde yaşalmadım
Yaşlığım toyalmadım
Men bu yerde yaşalmadım

We could build a future
Where people are free to live and love.
The happiest time.

BRIDGE

CHORUS (x2)



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United Kingdom – BBC
www.bbc.co.uk



My Mark:

Performer(s):	Joe and Jake
Song:	You're not alone
Composer(s):	Matt Schwartz, Justin James Benson & Samuel Kanes
Writer(s):	Matt Schwartz, Justin James Benson & Samuel Kanes
Debut Show:	Final
Selection Method:	External (Eurovision You Decide)
Twitter:	@JoeandJakemusic

Biography:

Joe Woolford, 21 from Ruthin in Wales and Jake Shakeshaft, 20 from Stoke-on-Trent in Staffordshire first met as fellow competitors on The Voice UK, where they quickly bonded over their love of music, followed by a shared love of peri-peri chicken and football.

Joe and Jake have been passionate about music since an early age. Joe has experimented with various sounds over the years, including rap whilst Jake has always wanted to follow his dream of performing on stage, even teaching himself guitar at the age of 14.

Both Joe and Jake have an eclectic musical taste, citing Bob Marley, Måns Zelmerlöw and Rudimental as their musical influences. Joe and Jake are a fun loving duo with a natural rapport and a firm friendship. They are extremely proud and excited to be representing the United Kingdom in Stockholm this year.

Lyrics:

Heartbeat, when you're not around its beating slow, and it's something that I've never known... ooohhh... I'll be, I'll be the answer you've been waiting for, I'll be the truth that you've been looking for... ooohhh

You're not alone, we're in this together, all that you want is right here forever, and they don't need to know... ooohhh... and they don't need to know

You're not alone, we're in this together, all that you want, I'm right here forever, and they don't need to know... ooohhh... and they don't need to know

You're free, free to let go cause I'll be here for you, and when you fall I'll be your parachute... ooohhh... I, I, I feel like I'm dancing in the sky, I come alive when I'm with you, I come alive when I'm with you

You're not alone, we're in this together, all that you want is right here forever, and they don't need to know... ooohhh... and they don't need to know

I, I, I feel like I'm dancing in the sky, I come alive when I'm with you, I come alive when I'm with you

Don't speak, your smile tells me all I need to know, your eyes show me where I want to go... ooohhh

You're not alone, we're in this together, all that you want is right here forever, and they don't need to know... ooohhh... and they don't need to know

I, I, I feel like I'm dancing in the sky, I come alive when I'm with you, I come alive when I'm with you



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Semi-Final 1

May 10th, 2016

	Finland	Sandhja	Sing It Away
	Greece	Argo	Utopian Land
	Moldova	Lidia Isac	Falling Stars
	Hungary	Freddie	Pioneer
	Croatia	Nina Kraljic	Lighthouse
	The Netherlands	Douwe Bob	Slow Down
	Armenia	Iveta Mukuchyan	LoveWave
	San Marino	Serhat	I Didn't Know
	Russia	Sergey Lazarev	You Are The Only One
	Czech Republic	Gabriela Guncíková	I Stand
	Cyprus	Minus One	Alter Ego
	Austria	ZOË	Loin d'ici
	Estonia	Jüri Pootsmann	Play
	Azerbaijan	Samra	Miracle
	Montenegro	Highway	The Real Thing
	Iceland	Greta Salóme	Hear Them Calling
	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Dalal & Deen feat. Ana Rucner and Jala	Ljubav Je
	Malta	Ira Losco	Walk On Water



















My Points

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Semi-Final 2

May 12th, 2016

	Latvia	Justs	Heartbeat
	Poland	Michał Szpak	Color Of Your Life
	Switzerland	Rykka	The Last Of Our Kind
	Israel	Hovi Star	Made Of Stars
	Belarus	IVAN	Help You Fly
	Serbia	Sanja Vucic ZAA	Goodbye (Shelter)
	Ireland	Nicky Byrne	Sunlight
	FYR Macedonia	Kaliopi	Dona
	Lithuania	Donny Montell	I've Been Waiting for This Night
	Australia	Dami Im	Sound Of Silence
	Slovenia	ManuElla	Blue And Red
	Bulgaria	Poli Genova	If Love Was A Crime
	Denmark	Lighthouse X	Soldiers Of Love
	Ukraine	Jamala	1944
	Norway	Agnete	Icebreaker
	Georgia	Nika Kocharov and Young Georgian Lolitaz	Midnight Gold
	Albania	Eneda Tarifa	Fairytale
	Belgium	Laura Tesoro	What's The Pressure







My Points

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Final

May 14th, 2016

	France	Amir	J'ai cherché
	Germany	Jamie-Lee Kriewitz	Ghost
	Italy	Francesca Michielin	No Degree Of Separation
	Spain	Barei	Say Yay!
	Sweden	Frans	If I Were Sorry
	United Kingdom	Joe and Jake	You're Not Alone

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